



Rural Regional Services

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A Camping We Ago!! Elko meets Yellowstone

Each summer people receiving services from Educare in Elko, plan their summer group vacation. This year our destination was Yellowstone National Park.

Twelve people attended the trip this year. The group traveled across four states throughout the trip: Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana.

Lodging was obtained at West Yellowstone, Montana. There we enjoyed shopping in many gift shops, fine dining, and touring the attractions.

We visited the Museum of the Yellowstone's, the Indian Rendezvous village, Bear World of the Yellowstone's, and toured Yellowstone National Park.

Inside the park we

visited many sites such as the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone's, hot springs, various geyser basins, and of course Old Faithful.

We observed the beautiful country side, and encountered many species of wildlife. Including a close encounter with a buffalo that was walking down the middle of the road and came within a few feet of our vehicle.

We wish to extend a special thank you to **Patty Perry** and **Peggy Stewart** who donated money for our trip. And an extra thank you to **Mike Johnson**, **Scott Neilson**, and **Ames Construction** who donated the cost of our rental vehicles. Thanks to their generous contributions the trip was a much bigger

success, as we were able to enjoy many



more of the attractions and activities. Also due to the generosity of these people we have enough funds left and will be gathering for a group reunion, where we will go out for a nice dinner, reminisce about our trip, and view photographs of the trip. The trip was a great success and those attending not only had a great time, but also learned a little more about the natural wonders within our country. **By D. Martin**

Please Get Those Surveys Back!!!

As stated in our previous newsletter, QuEST is looking for input from all stakeholders in order to develop RRC's strategic plan. As most of you know "Rural Nevada" is a very large area making it nearly impossible to make contact with everyone in person. Therefore many of our workgroups are going

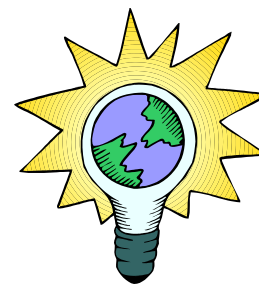
to have to rely on surveys and questionnaires that will be sent out to all involved parties for input.

These surveys are very important. Without your input our plan will not be truly inclusive of all. We ask that you keep your eyes open for these surveys, and fill them out and return them in a timely

manner so that the information can be reviewed.

We will try and keep you up to date through the newsletter as to who currently has surveys out and about.

At this time Elko has sent surveys to providers and is waiting for feedback.



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Pride Connects Carson City and Reno. By: Mary Winkler

Inter-city Public Transportation available for the first time in north-western Nevada.

Public Rural Ride (PRIDE) transportation services between Carson and Reno is now available. This provides ten trips a day, Monday through Friday at rates of \$3 a trip and less for seniors and people with disabilities. Connector service is available in both Reno and Carson City.

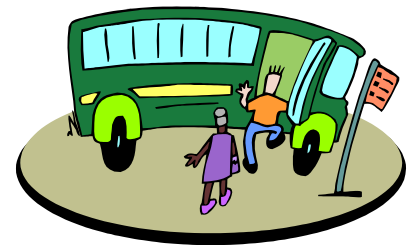
The goal of this project is to provide opportunities to the rural resident for employment, education,

medical, recreation, and other personal needs by providing much-needed public transportation to major cities and employment areas. This is the phase one of a proposed system to connect rural Nevada with Carson City and Reno. In the next few months additional systems serving Fallon, Minden/Gardnerville and Lovelock will be developed.

Funding is through a Federal Transit Job Access Grant with local match from state agencies serving the elderly, persons with disabilities and the low income. State general

funds for the project are also available through the efforts of Senator Lawrence Jacobsen.

For information and schedule, call 348-RIDE. For 24 hr reservation for connector service in Carson City you can call 887-2323.



A Note From Sue:

Hi my name is Sue Contero. I live here in Elko, Nevada for almost 5 years in this town. I live here in my own house for almost 3 years ago. This month some of us went to Yellowstone and we have a good time there. Everyday I go to my job 5 days and yes I do like my job we do clothes we some more work to



do. Sometime we need some clothes. I like to go places like walk, bowling with some of my friends. Ruby Mountain is the best place the people who work there is in Elko we have some good ones to be around.

Your friend,
Sue Contero



We've started the journey!

Winnemucca Continues the Drive

By Bill Hammargren

The Winnemucca group continues to build on its planning process by continually asking the question “how do we discover the hopes and dreams of people?” So far we’ve come up with four steps we feel can not fail. The first step is to ask the person. The second is to evaluate the facts about the person. Third, we need to ask the people closest to the person. Fourth, and most important, we must never lose sight of the goal, and continually readress it so that it does not die.

You might wonder where our wonderful insightfulness comes from during our meetings. I have to admit that nothing outlined above is new to anybody. The steps all make sense if you follow them. While

questions and ideas were flying around the table Tim Hooper grabbed the bull by the horns and just said “ why don’t you just ask the person?” We all sat there with a puzzled look, as if the answer was just too simple, and wondered if it could work.

Ideas for the first and third step include coming up with a questionnaire that can be distributed before the planned team meeting that will allow for the person to answer in a place he or she feels most comfortable. It is the belief of our group that people will be much more willing to write down life goals when they are in their “comfort zone”, and not ours.

If one thing has come to life

in this group it is the fact that we can accomplish this task by using some very simple steps. The group plans on creating a questionnaire that can be given to people prior to annual team meetings in order to get some feedback from all involved. We hope to have this questionnaire together soon for distribution to all agencies involved so that we can gather feedback. Any ideas you may have regarding what questions should be asked would be greatly appreciated by the group. **You can fax, email, mail, or call Bill Hammargren (info. on back page) with any and all suggestions. We appreciate your help in creating this much needed information gathering tool.**



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QuEST is a group that was formed with the sole intention of improving how services are provided to individuals. We hope to enlist many people from all walks of life into this journey. We realize that there will be struggles, and know that we must cherish the successes of all group members. We know that the success of the group is solely dependent on the hard work of the members. We strive to support one another on a daily basis. We hold a vision that change needs to occur, and realize that the best way to make it occur is to get everybody involved. So remember, when you see us coming, don't run and hide. Instead, put out your hand and grab on for the ride of your life!

Thank you for your time.

